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Remember how the Prom girls fell for that awful hoot? Well, that is just the way the enlightened masses of Albany and Oneonta took it, when the Charlatans made their little trip last week with "The Senator Keeps House." All the multitudes in each of these flourishing cities felt that they had a taste of the real thing when they saw the Charlatans in their first appearance away from home in two years. Judging by comment, the Charlatans have one of the best college productions of the season. The fellows were most emphatically 'thar.'

Score Hit at Oneonta.

Well, we were talking about what happened down in the State Normal Auditorium at Oneonta a nd in Centennial Hall, Albany, Thursday and Friday nights. The heading in the Oneonta Star says: "Collegians Score Hit," which is somewhat misleading because the Alpha Delta Sorority girls were the 'auspicies' (yep, they were) of the production. Naturally, there was dance afterwards. Regarding "hits," it might be guessed that one T. C. Jessup got a home run. Then there is Mr. G. H. Williamson, who "had just enough of the fire and dash of the regulation colonel to make his portrayal perfect and not overdone," and Lee Bristol, who drew down all manner of applause and helped bring out the "genuine dramatic ability in the cast."

A Laugh in Every Line.

"A laugh in every line," says the Star, and we agree with it. With Patrick Henry, and Honeysuckle, and Sam, there couldn't very well be anything else. Pat. Hen. had the whoop, Sam the "right amount of drag" (we are told) and Honeysuckle the "delightful drawl" (some drawl when Mengy gets up and sez, "The long yell for Robby, fellows"—what?). The Normal girls thought that Wally Johnson in skirts was "some kitten;" and that John VanAlstyne Weaver, the ingenue, must have been brought up in a family with lots of pretty sisters. They thought he was that fascinating! Just like one of those rhapsodies on spring and lovin' that appear in Lit. every month. To wind up with a grand coup, McGibeny "out-feminized femininity" with all the artlessness of the real Mason

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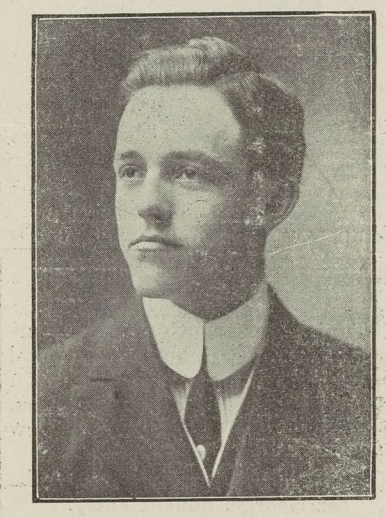
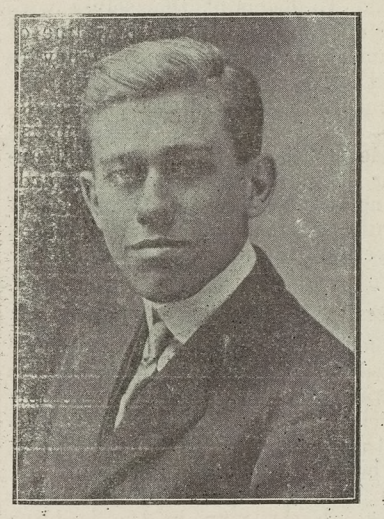
SENIOR DEBATE TEAM.



William H. S. Cole.



Arthur S. Pohl.

George W. Walker.

ANNUAL INTERCLASS DEBATE RESULTS IN SENIOR VICTORY

Exhibition Brings Forward Material for Winning Teams, But is Marred by Evident Lack of Preparation. Faculty Opinion Voiced.

The Senior Debate team, composed of Pohl, Walker, and Cole, defeated the Junior team of LaForce, Keddy and Kimball, in the annual Interclass debate, held in the Chapel Thursday evening. The Juniors failed to show their expected superiority in speaking, and lost ground in their rebuttal, failing to break down the arguments advanced by the negative. Promise was shown by the work of both teams, in spite of their handicap of inexperience.

The proposition for debate was: "Resolved, That there should be established a Federal Commission for the regulation of trusts." The Seniors, upholding the negative, adopted the plan of proposing as a substitute, the passing of laws to cover evils of the trust situation, and the enforcement of these laws by the courts.

The Affirmative Plan.

Promptly at 7.30, Prof. Lewis brought down his gavel to open the debate. LaForce, the first speaker on the affirmative, opened his speech with a brief history of the agitation against the trusts and the workings of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. He finished his introduction with an outline of the proposed Federal Commission for the regulation of corporations, and described its powers and duties. The three main issues of the affirmative were: (1) that the present system of dealing with trusts is inadequate; (2) that government by commission is a highly efficient method of dealing with governmental problems; and (3) that regulation by commission would succeed in all cases dealing with corporations.

Using as his examples the cases of the dissolution of the American Tobacco Co. and the Standard Oil Co., LaForce went on to show the inadequacy of the present system to meet corporation problems. The courts are now compelled to go beyond their present sphere and decide economic questions with which they are not fitted to cope. From this condition arise the absurd situations following the attempt to make an illegal corporation legal. by judicial action. Another proof of present inadequacy lies in the long-drawn-out trials necessary to secure any action by the courts.

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TWO WINTER ORATIONS CAPTURE AWARDS

Williamson and Walker Awarded Prizes on Head and Kirkland Subjects. No Award in Pruyn.

Old Noah Ward seemed to be losing ground last Friday morning when President Stryker made the announcement of the winning winter orations. There were two awards made, one for the Head Prize Oration and the other for the Kirkland Prize Oration. The successful competitors were George Warren Walker, '14, who wrote on the Kirkland Oration subject, and George Henry Williamson, '14, who received the Head Prize. Each of these prizes gives the winner a place on the Commencement program in June. The reading committee decided that there was no oration submitted on the Pruyn subject which was up to the standard necessary for an award.

The subjects for the winter orations this year were: Head Prize, "Alexander Hamilton as a Master of Detail;" Kirkland Prize, "The Genius of the Hebrew Mind as Shown in the Old Testament;" Pruyn Medal Oration, "Factors in the Decay of Nations." There were eleven Seniors altogether who handed in orations, a larger number than last year.

The reading committee was composed of Professors Lewis, Brandt, Shepard, Davenport and Ibbotson.

PHI BETA KAPPA AT COLGATE.

Faculty and Students are Guests of Colgate Chapter.

Saturday afternoon the Hamilton Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa enjoyed the hospitality of the Colgate Chapter at a dinner at Colgate. Practically all the faculty of both colleges were present, tho neither of the presidents was there. The undergraduates of both chapters were also represented. After the dinner the main feature of the meeting was th reading of a very interesting paper by Dr. Shepard on Bertrand, a French troubadour-poet and warrior of the Middle Ages. The reading was followed by short speeches from members of both faculties. The meeting adjourned in time for the Hamilton Chapter to take the five o'clock train back to Clinton.

The Hamilton Chapter is indebted to Colgate for their very courteous treatment.

Sidle a Benedict

The marriage of Don R. Sidle, '11, former football captain and coach, to Miss Helen L. Winant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Winant, of Utica, took place in Grace Church, Utica, on February 18 at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the rector of the church, Rev. Octavius Applegate, D. D. The best man was Alexander Osborn, '09, and among the ushers were W. A. Soper, '08, S. S. Gould, '11, Bristol, '14, Jessup, '14, and LaForce, '15. Several other Hamilton undergraduates attended the wedding, which was witnessed by a large number of the Utica friends of the bride and groom. Later in the evening a reception was held in the Italian Room of the Hotel Utica.

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EDITORIAL.

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The Debate Situation.

One month from tomorrow Hamilton will match her debating powers with Wesleyan and Bowdoin. Considering the proximity of these Intercollegiates and the results of the Interclass debate, **Life** urges that the hour is at hand for an awakening.

The Interclass debate revealed two aspects of the debating situation which must be set aright. Neither the College, nor the Faculty, nor the Debate Council showed any extensive interest in that debate; and the debaters themselves exposed the shallowness of their preparation.

The percentage of attendance on Thursday evening is an index of the interest felt in the Interclass contest. Exclusive of the debaters, there were present fifty-nine undergraduates: eleven Seniors, eight Juniors, twenty Sophomores and twenty Freshmen. The entire Faculty was asked to judge; and six of the twenty attended. It was planned that the Council should select representatives for the intercollegate teams by carefully weighing the individual merits of the interclass speakers. Only two of the six members of the Council, however, put in an appearance. Yet **Life** does not wish to be unduly severe in its criticism of this lack of interest. Perhaps the undergraduates are to be excused since the Shubert and those three hours of study are to be neglected at no cost. And perhaps, altho those six of the Faculty who did attend are among the busiest men on that body, the other fourteen must be excused, since they, like the students, are handicapped by curriculum duties.

Life's news colums report the inadequacy of preparation shown in the Interclass debate. Practically every speaker was laboring either under a weak grasp of the intricacies of the question, or under difficulty in presenting his arguments in a fluent and smooth style. The debaters ought to get a comprehensive knowledge by constant study under the direction of the Council during the next four weeks; but they can never attain entire felicity in the presentation of arguments without more public practice. Therefore, **Life** proposes that the two intercollegiate teams stage a public debate some time during the next three weeks. A debate in the classroom or before the Council is by no means so vital a test as a debate before the eyes of even one-third of the College, one-third the Faculty, and one-third the Council.

Last year the Interclass debate was held on January 8th, while the first Intercollegiates came on February 27th. Thus the teams were given fifty days for co-operation with the Debate Council; while this year there are just thirty days left for this preliminary work. To acquaint themselves with their subject, crystallize their line of argument, and acquire proficiency in fluent talking, is the herculean task which Hamilton's Intercollegiate debaters must undertake to accomplish in one month. **Life** believes that another effort should be made towards letting them practise in public, if Hamilton is to uphold her flaunted prowess on the platform.

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Excessive Light Bills.

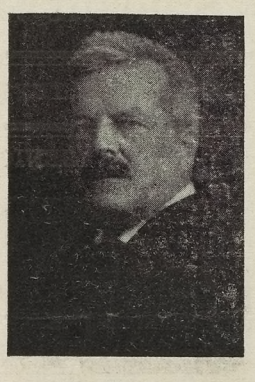
Considerable complaint has been lodged during the past week by the occupants of South and Carnegie dormitories at the size of the light bills for the past term. In South College, the bills ran in some cases to more than twenty dollars for three-man suites. Every man in the building paid $3.33 for his share in the current used in the halls and bathrooms alone. That is, aproximately $170.00 was collected in that dormitory for the hall and bathroom lights. In Carnegie, the expense of the hall lights approximated $100.00. The feeling has become general that there is something rotten nearer home than Denmark.

Last year there were installed in the halls and bathrooms of South College tungstens using twenty-five watts of electricity an hour. It is interesting to compute the amount of current that these lights should use. Supposing that one tungsten burned all night, or twelve hours, it could use 300 watts of electricity. The price of electricity is ten cents a kilowatt. One twenty-five watt tungsten, then, burning all night, would cost three cents. There are eighteen such lights in the halls and bathrooms of South. The expense of the eighteen, burning all night, would be fifty-four cents; or, for the 120 nights of the first term, approximately $65.00. This estimate is more than generous, for the lights come far from averaging twelve hours a night's use. $170.00 was collected. According to a similar investigation, all the hall lights in Carnegie, if they were in constant use, could use only one third of the current paid for by the students resident there.

Evidently, there is a leakage, and for the leakage there are three conceivable causes. The meters might be misread; or they might creep: or the wiring might be defective. Mr. DeRegt has read the meters carefully, and has tested them thoroly for creeping. There remains the alternative possibility of defective wiring, which seems still more likely because such a condition was found to exist last year.

But the fact of prime interest to the College is that approximately $400.00 a year is being lost to the eighty-some residents in South and Carnegie, or five dollars a year to every man. To some men that amount is an item of considerable importance. In these days when economy in education is becoming the watchword, careless waste should be the first thing to receive attention. Such bills at the end of another term as have been collected for the first term will be inexcusable. **Life** feels that this is a matter for College authorities to investigate immediately.

Spice of Life



M. W. S.

Judge Chesterton.

Buck up, you other Gow and other Orr. Judge Chesterton has lived it down!

This remains to be obscene.

G. Tunbridge, the Cyrano de Bergerac of his day, was hurrying around like one possessed at Commons.

"What's the matter with you, George," says Pat, George's new French garcon.

"Oh, I'm being rushed by the Sigs," sez George, nonchalantly.

One of the Syracuse Y. M. Convention speakers was strong for temperance. In the course of a vehement speech, he shouted to the gallery, "A bas le booze."

"Make it two," says A. Pohl, loudly.

Miss Gaby Fleur Deslys was in Ute last Friday. Harold Banks, who sat in a front seat with a pr. of op. Glasses came back disgusted.

How was the setting of the show last night? somebody asked Harold.

Rotten, says Harold. The back of my chair was split.

A Leak Somewhere.

Aha! We have caught the Proverb-maker a-napping. That gentleman once asserted that there was a fool born every minute. And they only sell a Ford every three minutes!

George-Fourth-Dimension-Spaghetti-Walker says that a man and wife are one. We have seen somewhere, George, that in some cases there is one to carry.

At the Richmond Lunch.

Waitress: "Do you wish tea or coffee?"

Gummy White: "Do I have to wish for it?"

(Then he went down and picked his teeth in front of the Hotel Utica.)

We telegraphed home for money last week. "Where is that money I sent for?" we said. The answer we received was as follows: "In my inside pocket."

As we go to press we are informed that J. Talbot has had some hard luck. John slipped last night on the way home—that is, he slipped on the ice—and broke a bottle on his hip.

"There,—ugch," says John mournfully. "Washington's birthday come and gone!"

Dinq. Carruth finds something humorous in the brevity of Bubo's habitual honor statement in Analyt, "I have not received any aid."

(Walt-Masonic.)

I hear the latest styles for men are clothes to match the hair. I wonder what will happen then. Old Woodie—will he dare?

Orville Wright has burst into our class by announcing that he will not attempt to fly the Atlantic this summer.

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Faculty Rule Misunderstood.

The College has long been hugging a delusion in the shape of a misunderstood and unexplained ruling of the Faculty. When the present system of "cuts" first went into effect, there was instituted what has always been supposed to be the student privilege of cut substitution. That is, the College has always believed that when a man "overcut" any particular course of study, he was privileged to substitute two cuts in another subject for that absence. It has come to **Life's** attention recently that this privilege is far from an unadulterated one. **The Faculty rules that when a man overcuts, he is marked zero for that absence, regardless of whether he can substitute other cuts for it or not.** This rule applies similarly to the man on short allowance. If he takes the usual five cuts in a three-hour subject, he goes unscathed; but the sixth cut carries with it a zero.

This ruling nullifies the privilege of substitution of cuts to a very considerable extent, and in all justice, the Faculty should have at least informed the College of such action when it occurred. No such rule was evident in the laws under which the present attendance system was instituted.

INTERACADEMIC SPEAKING.

Plans for several of the Interacademic Speaking Contests are already well under way. So far contests are assured in Albany, Buffalo, Binghamton, New Rochelle, Rochester and Utica. The date for that at Rochester will be April 24, at New Rochelle, May 1, and at Utica, May 8. It is expected that the time and place will soon be settled for the other three and for any more schools taken into the list. It seems probable that contests will be held at Brooklyn and at Newark, N. J.

—The second meeting of the Junior Whist Club was held at the Psi Upsilon huose, Monday evening, February 16. The teams as they now stand are: Dieterlen-White, McNair-Woodcock, Higbie-Hudson, Ogilvie-Kimball.

—Otto, ex-'17, is studying at the Nichols School in Buffalo.

—The Freshmen stand as follows in the **Life** competition: Seaver, Walling, Truax, Fraser. The Sophomores are: Groves, Muir, McMillan. One Freshman and one Sophomore will be elected to the Board at the Easter meeting.

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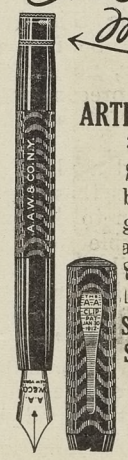

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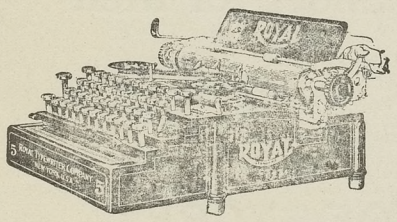

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THE SENIOR TALKS

When a man reaches Senior year he begins to think subjectively. To be sure, he may have done so before; some men do, probably more do not; really think, I mean, and that implies something more than merely an occasional glance inward. But to reach Senior year, and especially the latter half of it, is to begin to think seriously about self. What will I have accomplished in these four years—nay, rather—these sixteen or eighteen years of schooling? Perhaps that is the first, the most obvious question. But that is only the beginning. The ultimate question which the College man must face, and I say the College man particularly because a college education gives a man responsibility for himself above that of other men, is not "What have I accomplished," but "What am I?"

"Gnothi Seautton"—"Know Thyself"—is the watchword of Hamilton College, the motto inscribed upon her seal. Those words should be writ in undying characters on the mind of every man who leaves these College walls. Then would Hamilton nobly have achieved her mission, nor would any man need to ask himself, "What have I accomplished?" Verily, I believe if the Sphinx were induced to deliver up its secret, to clear away its age-long mystery, those battered lips would whisper simply: "Know Thyself."

"How College Men Find Themselves" is the heading of an interesting article which appeared in one of the eastern college papers recently. Of the men who were graduated in the class of 1912 of that college, we are told, exactly one-third are engaged in occupations other than those which they entered upon after graduation. In many cases the shifts have been radical, as from scientific agriculture to teaching, from teaching to journalism, or from teaching to graduate work in an engineering school. Half of the men who have retained their original occupation are those preparing by graduate study for certain professions. These have not yet had the opportunity to test their theories, or to swerve in their ambitions.

The college from which these statistics are quoted is one which offers much the same courses as Hamilton. It is not a place of specialization. Whether investigation would show like results in the case of Hamilton we cannot tell, but certain it is that there are many cases which each of us can call to mind of men shifting their occupations in the first two or three years after leaving this College, perhaps even more than once, changing them, moreover, not at all in accordance with any preconceived plan, but with circumstances as they arose.

College has been called a place of orientation. A man takes these four years of higher education to fit himself to do his best possible work in the world, to develop all his latent powers, to bring out the qualities which are to decide his future course in life. By his Senior year he has reached man's estate, and has had opportunities for acquiring a broad outlook on life such as is offered to comparatively few men. Presumably he should be in a position to decide what walk of life is most suited to his talents and ability. At least, he should have learned the importance of such a decision, and should have a far better understanding of relative values than a man who has not had the training and the atmosphere of a four years college course. That thought leads to another subject, that of a college man's ideals, which I wish to reserve for another talk.

What I have tried to bring out here is that a college man should make himself a part of his study, an ever-increasing part as he nears the end of the course, that he should attempt honestly and without mental evasion of any kind to determine what sort of work, of legitimate work, he is best fitted for, and in which he can do the most good, whether it be writing, teaching, ministry, medicine, law, business, farming, or what-not. Then will there be little likelihood of a false start entailing perhaps an almost wasted year or more, for if he has chosen wisely success and happiness are almost certain to attend his work. Then will he feel justified in after years in the course he has taken. He will have worked out his part in the scheme of the universe.

"Know Thyself."

—Intercollegiate Debate Trials, for men not in the Interclass Debate, were held in the Chapel last night. The Debate Council will select the Intercollegiate teams from the class debaters and those trying out last night.

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Then there was that affair at Albany. The populace didn't seem to be quite so well warned about the Charlatans as they were at the Normal town, and so the fellows had a smaller audience. But "The play went with a dash from the start," says the Knickerbocker Press. Now such words coming from a town like Albany which is twelve-thirds "pep," mean something. You can just imagine that the Charlatans mussed up quite a ripple. Mr. Short, the coach, who saw the performance, declared he was much pleased with the action. Zita's Orchestra, which remembers more than one Junior Promenade at this College, very kindly furnished free music for the production, and thereby did this College a kindness which will not soon be forgotten.

After the play most of the fellows decided that a little trip to the Bright Lights was just about the proper thing. **Life** confidently hopes that most of them will be back before this goes to press. New York is a large town, they say, and we should "tribulate" about the Charlatans.

—Lit. will be out Friday.

—At the dinner of the Sons of Oneida in New York City last Tuesday night, Wiliam M. Griffith, '80, Rev. Anthony H. Evans, '82, and Charles R. Carruth, '07, delivered addresses.

—Among the men chosen as Directors of the Utica Chamber of Commerce are Spencer Kellogg, '88, and George E. Dunham, '79.

—Among the alumni on the Hill recently are: Pratt, '00, Smythe, '10, A. Osborne, '09, Gould, '11, and Thomas, '12.

—Prof. Hastings was in Albany during the early part of last week to look after the printing of the Catalog, which will be finished in the early part of March.

—Dayton, Clapp, Pohl, '14, and Jones, '17. represented Hamilton in a Chess Match with Syracuse University yesterday.

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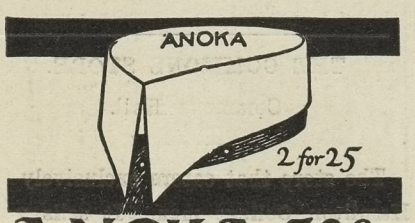

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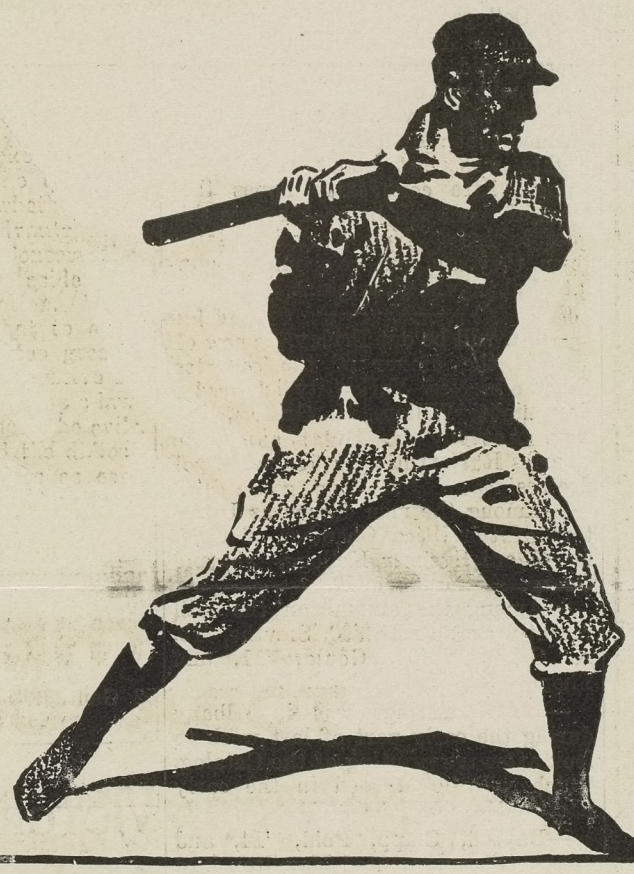

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The lecture will be held in the Chapel and will be illustrated with lantern slides.

—The National Convention of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity was held in Pittsfield, Mass., on Feb. 19, 20, 21. The delegates were the guests of the Williams chapter. Little, '15, Covert and Eells, '16, represented the Hamilton chapter.

—Letters were sent out last week to the Alumni requesting them for subscriptions to the Athletic Association.

—Charles B. Rogers and his family left New York last Saturday for a voyage on the Mediterranean.

—Dr. Wood spoke at a Progressive Party dinner held in Schenectady last Friday evening.

—The second meeting of the English Literature Club will be held on Thursday evening at the D. K. E. house. Ibsen will be discussed.

—Crumb, '15, has been taken to his home in Oxford, N. Y., suffering from an attack of pleurisy. Burkhart, '17, is also ill.

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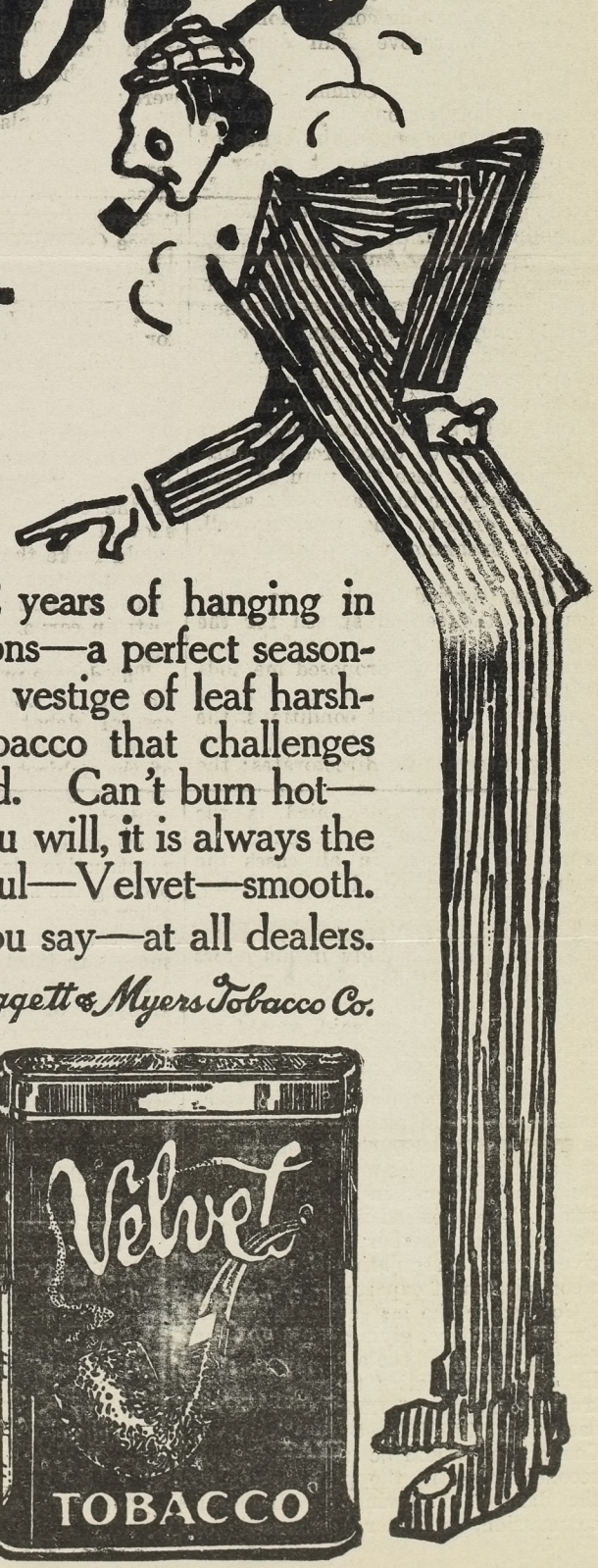

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WHAT SOME OF THE FACULTY THOUGHT

Dr. Davenport: There was no evidence of preparedness in the debaters. They must work much harder.

Prof. Lewis: The debate was good in spots, but unsatisfactory on the whole. The Seniors were better prepared.

Dr. Fitch: The Seniors won on rebuttal, bringing their arguments to a focus better than the Juniors.

Dr. Brandt: The Seniors were better prepared.

Dr. A. P. Saunders: Debates are often won and lost on rebuttals. That was the case Thursday night.

Dr. S. J. Saunders: Had the Juniors been independent of notes, they might have won.

ANNUAL INTERCLASS DEBATE RESULTS IN SENIOR VICTORY.

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The Negative Plan.

The debate for the negative was opened by Pohl who spoke with a quiet clearness that showed careful preparation. He admitted the failure of recent anti-trust trials but went a step further in adding that this failure was due to the mistake of asking them to decide economic questions. Instead, he offered the proposal of the negative, i. e., (1) that more definite laws be passed against trust offenses; (2) that any corporation suffering injury should be allowed to bring suit against the offending corporation and, if successful, recover full damages for these injuries.

The danger of the Commission system, Pohl pointed out, lay in taking the whole matter out of the hands of the people and placing it under a Commission which cannot change often enough to follow the developments of public opinion.

Proof by Analogy.

Keddy was the second speaker on the affirmative. He took as his issue the efficiency of government by commission and illustrated his argument by analogy. He cited the success of municipal government by commission, of the public service commission, and of the interstate commerce commission. In each case the plan of putting authority in the hands of a small body of experts has worked well. Keddy's speaking was distinct and forceful.

Walker carried further the arguments in the second speech for the negative by making a careful comparison of the two proposed methods in their practical working. Of the three evils of present conditions, the first is the harm done to small investors by interlocking directorates; the second is the bad effect of cut-throat competition; and the third is the harm done to the general public by exorbitant prices. In all cases the commission plan would be impracticeable.

The third affirmative speaker, Kimball, spoke convincingly in his effort to show that the commission regulation would actually succeed in practice. Its success, he said, would result from its free access to corporation books and its wide knowledge of all sides of the question. The commissioners would also have the right to regulate prices, check the waste of natural resources and secure better social conditions in the economic world. The question is not what laws we pass but whether we should not give over the regulation of trusts to a commission of experts.

Cole made the last advance speech for the negative, giving three reasons for the failure of the affirmative plan. He quoted statistics to show that a trust commission formed on the same basis as the Interstate Commerce Commission would be impractical. A second defect in the plan would be the danger of having an ill-chosen commission, whether composed of politicians, business men or political economists. In the third place, there was the danger of bureaucracy in any plan which places all power in the hands of a few. Cole made a powerful speech and one of the best appearances of the contest.

The Rebuttal.

After an intermission, the teams spoke in rebuttal. It was here that the negative began to take the lead. The negative took up the questions of the affirmative as to whether their plan could fill all the advantages of the commission plan. Conservation of resources they declared aside from the duties of trust regulation. When the affirmative argued that to cover all points would require too great a multiplicity of laws, the negative replied by showing how few simple laws were really required to meet the evils. The negative also showed the difficulty of fixing business prices as compared with the question of railroad rates, tho the latter had taken twenty-seven years for the Interstate Commerce Commission to become familiar with.

The affirmative rebuttal was occupied largely by renewing their proof for arguments that the negative had attacked. They gave additional figures to show the success of other commissions in this country. They answered the objection that a satisfactory body of men for a commission could not be chosen and argued for the efficiency of the expert. The affirmative also showed that a corps of assistants would make the work of the commission practical and that the mere threat of fixing prices would tend to restrain corporations from overcharging.

The debate proved conclusively that there is in College material for successful debate teams; but it also showed a lack of any deep knowledge of the subject. Lack of preparation was the most noticeable feature of the contest. The affirmative failed in thoro analysis of the question, and in constructive plan, and wasted time in proving the success of commissions in other cases, which could prove at best only the probability of a commission's success in trust regulation. The negative, while they had made a careful analysis of the proposition, might have been more forceful in the presentation of their facts. The debate was encouraging, showing that with study very able teams may be developed to represent Hamilton.

—Washington's birthday was celebrated yesterday instead of on Sunday by the College.

—Clinton Scollard, '81, had a poem entitled "A Song for St. Valentine's Day" in the February 12th issue of New York Life.

—Henry Kitchell Webster, '97, had a short story entitled "The Highbrow Lady" in last week's issue of The Saturday Evening Post.

—Dr. Stryker made the opening address at a Conference of boys of the Y. M. C. A. of Northern New York held in Troy yesterday. His subject was "The Boy and the Church."

Phi Bets Shoot Craps and Discuss Permetathesisis

Greatness Drips Around Room Like Gin Fizz, When Bohnheads Meet. Fourth-Dimension Walker Gestures Like Dental Cream.

"Then up rose brave Horatius" (only his name was George). He rose right up on those beautiful crescent-shaped pinions. But he did more than that. He made some remarks, G. Fourth-Dimension did, and they were awful deep. (This isn't poetry—it's much worse.) What George Warren said did not apparently have any connection with the mundane inanities of this earthly orb, but it didn't matter. You see, this happened at a Phi Bet meeting recently, and the Phi Bets have to be so profound that nobody can understand them or lose their charter.

Baldy Sticks Bill at Craps.

Well, the point is that G. Warren Walker very nearly went the limit. He floored Baldy in the first round and had the Prex gasping like a fish. He was arguing for ikonclastisiac permetathesisis, confining his remarks to a hyperbolical misstatement of the disorder. After his speech adjournment was taken for refreshments. Gentlemen of the order of Phi Bet (with accent on gentlemen, which lets Pohl out) had Two Apiece (a new kind of chewing gum) and watched Baldy and Bill Shep shoot craps for ten minutes. Baldy stuck Bill, who got sour. Then the session resumed.

There is this difference between Phi Bet and Kappa Bet. Phi Bet has Two Apiece and shoots craps and has discussion. Kappa Bet has the same without the discush. Just now the prospects for Phi Bet are very minus because Squeak Lewis has gone Kappa Bet. A member of the faculty by subtracting 30 from 186 opines that Kappa Bet will draw 156 men this term. Thirty men study. The rest work. The ones who work don't belong to the union. The others don't belong to the union, either.

A Thesaurus is Read.

Well, if you don't believe this, you aren't educated, so clam. But don't write a letter to **Life** about it. You get notorious when you write to papers. Hellishly so. However, Phi Bet was holding a meeting. Somebody read a thesaurus (that's the word) and Cal and the others kept mum and tried to look intelligent—they always do that, of course. Sometimes it works, sometimes not. If Baldy starts asking questions, everybody ducks under the table (if there is one, which of course there is). No so G. Fourth-Dimension. He can answer all questions whether he knows anything about it or not. If words fail him, he always does one thing. It is quite a natural thing. It is a gesture. He extends four fingers and one thumb vertically. Sort of Colgate's dental cream idea—comes out like a ribbon, etc. Cal and Bill Shep giggle hysterically at this, while Baldy nods to show how hard he is thinking. (Question, how hard is he thinking?)

Oh, it's all simple enough, you know, after you have been a Phi Bet for a while. Just get onto the hunch that everybody else is doing the same thing—get by without a break. Phi Bets are all bluffers.

—Eight men were dropped from the Freshman class, and one from the Junior class, as a result of the recent examinations.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER UNION AT SYRACUSE

Barnes. '14, Leads Big Hamilton Delegation to Annual Convention. Good Speeches Heard.

The largest convention in the history of the Student Volunteer Union of Central New York was held at Syracuse University last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. 325 delegates were in attendance from 25 colleges, universities, and theological seminaries in all parts of New York State. The convention was of especial interest to Hamilton men because of the fact that William J. Barnes, '14, has been president of the Union during the past year, and was responsible for all the pre-convention work as well as the actual management of the meetings themselves. Twenty-six men attended from the College.

The convention opened with a meeting in Crouse College Chapel. President Barnes made a brief opening address. Dean Smalley, of Syracuse, gave the address of welcome. The principal speakers of the meeting were Rev. Thomas S. Donohugh and Rev. Enoch F. Bell. Mr. Donohugh is one of the secretaries of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions. He spoke impressively of the unusual challenge of the whole non-Christian world to Christian nations at this time, emphasizing especially the critical opportunity in India. "We have at present, in India, mass movements of unprecedented importance," he said. Mr. Bell, now a secretary of the American Board, for some time a missionary to Japan, made a powerful appeal for prayer and consecration during the convention.

Saturday forenoon, the value of Mission Study was emphasized. Mr. W. E. Doughty, secretary of the Layman's Missionary Movement, gave the principal address. In the afternoon meeting, Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, professor in the Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, brought out vividly the effect of the American attitude towards Orientals on missionary work in Japan and China. He said, "Japan is in an era of religious opportunity. There is grave danger of tragedy in Japan thru the general adoption by America of the California attitude." The evening meeting was devoted to discussion of missionary methods by experts in each department.

The special Sunday morning convention and university meeting was the largest of all. It was addressed by Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer, F. R. G. S., authority on Mohammedanism. Dr. Zwemer told how the recent reverses which Turkey has been meeting on all sides have destroyed the very heart of Mohammedanism. Dr. Zwemer predicted mass movements of Mohammedans to Christianity.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, E. W. Terry, Colgate; 1st vice-President, T. H. Smith, Cornell; 2nd vice-President, Mildred Sheldon, Elmira; 3rd vice-President, Gordon Hoople, Syracuse; Secretary-Treasurer, Mildred Walker, Wiliam Smith. The next convention will be held at Geneva under the auspices of Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

During the reception to delegates in the big Men's Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon, a number of pretty good songs were sung, but, as often on such occasions, Carissima was the best of all. The men who were at the convention ran squarely up against a tremendous world situation, and came away wondering if "Our Own Sweet Lady" is doing her part in furnishing men for the task.